of the continuous death of a number of Bhopal gas victims every month;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry to know the adequacy or otherwise of medical facilities being provided to the sufferers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The Government of Madhya Pradesh have informed that there have been deaths of persons having history of gas exposure

The Government have been keeping close watch on the multifarious measures adopted/being adopted to tackle the health problems of gas victims. Opinion of several experts in the country as well as abroad is that medical facilities being provided to the sufferers, and the line of treatment adopted are correct and best under the circumstances. Government continue to provide all possible help to the State Government from within the country and as received from foreign countries in the shape of equipments, medicines and stores.

The details of the specific medical aid provided to the gas-affected population are as under:—

1. One 30 bedded hospital near Union Carbide factory with X-ray machine, Laboratory and Blood Analysor facilities.

2. Four Special Clinics with X-ray machine and laboratory facilities.

3. Six dispensaries with all facilities working round the clock.

4. Special clinics for affected persons in Medical College Hospital, Maternity Hospital and J.P. Hospital.

5. One 20 bedded Eye Hospital with the cooperation of Royal Commonwealth Society for prevention of Blindness.

Punctuality of trains

*240. SHRI B. KRISHNA MOHAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing machinery for monitoring the punctuality of trains especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the steps being taken to improve the performance of the Godavari Express; and

(c) whether the Godavari Express is likely to be speeded up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The puntuality of Mail/Express trains is being monitored closely on day-to-day basis both at the Divisional and at the zonal level.

(b) The punctuality of Godavari Express has been ranging between 90 and 100 per cent during the last six months. Punctuality is monitored and reviewed on a day-to-day basis.

(c) No, Sir.

Shramik Vidyapeeths

@1719. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many 'Shramik Vidyapeeths' have started functioning; and

(b) what are the objectives of these Vidyapeeths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) 30 Shramik Vidyapeeths are functioning in the country.

(b) The Shramik Vidyapeeths are primarily designed as polyvalent adult education centres for workers and their families in urban and industrial areas. The objectives of the Vidyapeeths include organisation of pro-

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grammes of vocational and technical training with a view to improve occupational skills and technical knowledge of workers, adult and non-formal education programmes to serve the need of workers and their families.

सोयाबीन के दूध के पाउडर का आयात

@1720. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन विदेशी संगठनों के नाम क्या हैं जो सोयाबीन के दूध के पाउडर का आयात करते हैं और यह दूध पाउडर किन-किन देशों से आयात किया जाता है;

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त आयातित सोयाबीन के दूध का पाउडर विदेशी ईसाई मिशनों द्वारा आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में वितरित किया जाता है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि देश कुछ आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में विदेशी ईसाई मिशनों द्वारा वितरित उपर्युक्त पाउडर के खाने से आदिवासियों के कुछ बच्चे मर गये हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो मृत व्यक्तियों की संख्या क्या है और देश के किन-किन आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में ऐसी मौतें हुई हैं; और

(ङ) सोयाबीन दूध के विषैले पाउडर का आयात और वितरण करने के जिम्मेदार संगठनों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

युवा कार्य तथा खेलकूद और महिला कल्याण विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मार्ग्रेट आल्वा) (क) कॉर्न सोया मिल्क (सी०एस०एम०) यू०एस०ए० से "केयर" (कोआपरेटिव फार अमेरिकन रिलीफ एवरीवेयर) तथा सी० आर एस० (कैथोलिक रिलीफ सर्विसेस) दोनों द्वारा आयात किया जाता है ।

(ख) "केयर" खाद्य के कार्यक्रम का वितरण राज्य सरकारों और केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश प्रशासनों के माध्यम से किया जाता है । सी० आर० एस० भारतीय पंजीकृत समाज सेवाओं के माध्यम से खाद्य सामग्री का वितरण करता है । जिनमें चर्च संगठन भी शामिल है । कुछ खाद्य सामग्री का वितरण आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में भी किया जाता है ।

(ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Illiteracy amongst the Scheduled Castes and Tribes

@@1721. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI JAGADISH JAIN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to know the percentage of illiteracy amongst the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes in different States, if so, when; and

(b) what are the details of the survey conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The census operations conducted at an interval of ten years collect *inter alia* data pertaining to literacy/illiteracy of the population, including Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in different States/ Union Territories.

(b) The latest figures as available according to 1981 census are given in the statement.

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